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(3) Citizens by registration. The following may obtain registration-

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(6) Citizen by marriage includes a women who were British subjects immediately before the commencement of the Act and had before that date been married to persons who become, or would but for their death have become, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies.

N.B. A woman who lost her British Nationality on marriage will be treated as having been a British subject immediately before the commencement of the Act.

(7) Citizens by descent and registration. After the Act comes into force the Secretary of State or the High Commissioner will have discretion to register as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies any person who-

(a) is descended in the male line from a person who was born or naturalised in the United Kingdom and Colonies or who became a British subject by annexation of territory to the United Kingdom and Colonies; and

(b) intends to make his ordinary place of residence in the United Kingdom and Colonies; and

(c) satisfies him that he has such close connection with the United Kingdom and Colonies as to make it fitting that he should become a citizen thereof.

Application Forms and Explanatory booklets may be obtained at the Offices of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom at Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras. Persons interested should apply in writing to the nearest of these offices.

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